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This goes into category of pending W/Lake questions to be answered sequentially by OPA working with S/fund.

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Ms Kring:

I was glad to have finally met you in person and had the opportunity to discuss the situation at West Lake and why my email to you several months ago was not answered.

During the past year I have quickly become discouraged by the EPA's representatives who come to West Lake and FUSRAP meetings. They are difficult to contact when they are not in St. Louis, and when here for public meetings tend to work the crowds and reassure people. It is unreasonable to expect EPA to inform and discuss the Superfund with the people involved, ordinary citizens, in a manner that shows an understanding and appreciation for public input. I was informed by you that West Lake is being handled differently as the public comments are so large in number.

My issue is this. West Lake is a federal act of illegal dumping allowed by the DOE, and there are cancers and disease surrounding the landfill just as in FUSRAP. It is a mystery of massive beaurocracy that St.

Louisians are up against and have been for 23 years since the EPA's involvement. The FIRE within magnifying the public danger should elicit the proper public emergency concerns from EPA, as well as the 5x more wells recording high levels of radium in the recent groundwater sampling.

Your director, Mr. Brooks did not succeed in giving confidence to trust the EPA. Given the urgency of the fire close to radioactive waste, is the EPA following up with the DNR and Republic and weighing in on the current fire management as the oversight Agency of a private for-profit business running this landfill? I doubt that you can state EPA is working closely with these agencies by the tone of all respondents to public concerns, expecting public trust and patience with the never-ending process. "Emergency" is an unfamiliar word regarding West Lake apparently.

I expect much more from your staff regarding outreach given the changing situation in the landfill properties, which currently remain a Superfund in every section, all OU1 areas, and all OU2 closed landfills.

As a comment on the presentation, the cafeteria half-hour explanatory period was a quick and easy obligation fulfilled by the Agency without serious discussion of the findings. Add to that the fact that the "preliminary" groundwater results were posted on line just a few hours before the meeting. The only person I saw able to discuss the gamma readings and water results was in an intense and one-on-one conversation which appeared to occupy most of the time allotted for public questioning of the results, the planned subject for the meeting. I hope the Region 7 reps for West Lake, who sometimes spend the night in

St. Louis after a meeting, would consider a 2-day meet next time given West Lake's complex issues and the complicating landfill fire.

Lastly, would you direct me on where to request information on how much money has been allocated to St. Louis, Missouri, Bridgeton, all landfill operators, and the EPA to manage, maintain and oversee West Lake as a Superfund site?

The subject of West Lake must be a burr in the side of all EPA people past and present involved. It is a complex web of deceit as far as I see it, and dispelling that image and fact would go far in establishing credibility in the St. Louis area for your agency. As the EPA moves through its process of ROD, public input would be invaluable to avoid another confrontation with an understandably frightened and disappointed public. Please consider reaching out to the public groups involved, the "new face of West Lake." Missourians need to resolve this time bomb before the EPA leaves its jurisdiction to the state of Missouri, assuming the DOE never responds to public demands for dealing with West Lake.

Sincerely,

Agnes Uhls

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Born and raised in North St. Louis County, two brothers

who worked at Laidlaw/Zykan landfill (current BL/WL)during
the time of radioactive dumping.